

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What Should I Bring to the NASTAR Center?

1. Passport (Non-US) or Drivers License (US) required.
2. Valid FAA Medical Certificate (or international equivalent)
3. Camera or video camera
4. Lock (if needed) for securing items in the NASTAR Center lockers

Dress Code / What Should I Wear to the NASTAR Center?

Dress each day in comfortable clothing. You will receive a flight suit which can be worn over your clothing. Closed toed shoes or sneakers are mandatory. No sandals or high-heels are permitted. Glasses and contacts are ok. Lockers are provided for storing personal belongings.

What Do I Receive as Part of the Training Course?

Your training program will include academic courses, flights in our Phoenix centrifuge and Altitude Chamber (only if enrolled in the Suborbital Scientist Training Program), an award ceremony, and souvenir keepsakes.

Souvenirs Include:

- Official Flight Suit
- Flight Course Book
- Certificate
- Group Photo
- Personalized DVD of your experience
- NASTAR "Wings" pin (if earned!)
- Flight log book

Is there a Souvenir Shop Available?

Yes. Additional souvenir items are available for purchase at the NASTAR Center gift shop on site.

Does My Training Program Include Lunch?

Yes. Snacks and lunch will be served at the NASTAR Center. This means typically Salads, Sandwiches, and Soups. Water and a selection of beverages are included. A vegetarian option is always included. If you have special dietary needs, please let a NASTAR Center staff member know.



Can I Bring a Camera?

Yes. The NASTAR Center will be providing both a photo of you and a DVD of your flight(s) as souvenirs. It is highly encouraged to bring your own camera/ video recorder with you to capture additional memories with us. Any areas not available to photograph will be mentioned at time of arrival.

Can I Use the Internet and My Cell Phone?

Yes. The NASTAR Center provides free wireless internet access for our clients. The use of a personal computer or cell phone, blackberry, or iPhone is approved.

Is Smoking Allowed?

Smoking is not allowed in the facility. There is a designated smoking area outside the main entrance.

Are there any restrictions?

One may not exceed a height of 77 inches (195.5 cm) or a weight of 310 pounds (140 kg). The NASTAR Center reserves the right to refuse an individual flight due to the height and weight restrictions, or if a medical or physical condition prevents that individual from having a safe flight. Height and weight restrictions do not apply to participants partaking in classroom training only.

Where is the Nearest Airport?

The nearest airport to the NASTAR Center is Philadelphia International Airport. The airport is ten minutes from downtown Philadelphia and one hour (by car) from the NASTAR Center.

How Do I Get to the NASTAR Center?

The NASTAR Center suggests renting a car from the airport. A taxi service is available but will cost you over \$100 USD. Public transportation is not available for traveling to the NASTAR Center.

Is Transportation Included?

No. Transport in not included in the program price.

What Hotel Should I Stay At?

Recommended Hotel: (5-8 min from the NASTAR Center)
Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Phone: (215) 443-4300
Warminster 240 Veterans Way Warminster, PA 18974



When Should I Arrive for my Training at the NASTAR Center?

The NASTAR Center suggests clients to arrive the night before your training program start date.

When Should I Depart After my Training is Finished at the NASTAR Center?

The NASTAR Center suggests clients leave or depart no earlier than 8:30 pm Eastern Time **after** the completion of the training. Next day departure is best.

Where is the NASTAR Center located?

The NASTAR Center is located about an hour away (by car) from the city of Philadelphia.

Physical Address:

125 James Way
Southampton, PA 18966 USA

**Entrance and parking is located around the back side of the building, marked by the “NASTAR Center” sign.

Is Hotel Included?

No. The cost of you hotel stay is not included in the program price.

Does the NASTAR Center have a Travel Agent to Help Me with my Travel Arrangements?

Yes. You may contact the NASTAR Center Travel Agent for any travel needs.

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If you're interested in making your own travel arrangements, the information below may be of assistance.

Recommended Local Hotels

Crowne plaza (Make sure to mention ETC/NASTAR deal when booking)	Description: 237 rooms	Avg. price: \$100/night
4700 Street Road Southampton, PA 18966	Hotel Class: ★★★★★	Directions from this hotel Hotel photos
215-364-2000	Distance: 15 min. / 5.4 miles away	

Holiday Inn	Description: 92	Avg. price: \$130/night
240 Veterans Way Warminster, PA 18974	Hotel Class: Brand New-no class given yet	Directions from this hotel Hotel photos
215-443-4300	Distance: 7 min. / 3.3 miles away	

Recommended Hotels in Philadelphia, PA (~40 minutes away, by car)

Hilton Inn at Penn	Description: 238 rooms	Avg. price: \$225/night
3600 Sansom Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	Hotel Class: ★★★★★	Directions from this hotel Hotel photos
215-222-0200	Distance: 39 min. / 22 miles away	

Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing	Description: 350 rooms	Avg. price: \$288/night
201 South Columbus Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19106	Hotel Class: ★★★★★	Directions from this hotel Hotel photos
215-928-1234	Distance: 34 min. / 20 miles away	

The Rittenhouse	Description: 98 rooms	Avg. price: \$414/night
210 W Rittenhouse Square Philadelphia, PA 19103	Hotel Class: ★★★★★	Directions from this hotel Hotel photos
215-546-9000	Distance: 39 min. / 24.9 miles away	

Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia	Description: 364 rooms	Avg. price: \$474/night
1 Logan Square Philadelphia, PA 19103	Hotel Class: ★★★★★	Directions from this hotel Hotel photos
215-963-1500	Distance: 35 min. / 24.1 miles away	

Things To Do in Philadelphia

Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia

A 175 year-old institute, named in honor of Benjamin Franklin, dedicated to providing a better understanding of science and technology.

Attraction type: Science museum

National Constitution Center, Philadelphia

The National Constitution Center in historic Philadelphia is America's most interactive history museum. Located just two blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, it is the only museum devoted to the U.S. Constitution and the story of we, the people.

Attraction type: History museum; Specialty museum

Independence Hall, Philadelphia

Both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were signed in this historic building.

Attraction type: Historic site; History museum; Architectural building; Government building

Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia

One of the most famous square miles in the United States, the park is home to the Liberty Bell, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Independence Hall.

Attraction type: Historic site; Historic walking area; National park

Fairmount Park, Philadelphia

One of the world's largest municipal parks, a sprawling 9,200 acres contains several million trees and America's oldest zoo.

Attraction type: Park; Jogging path/track; Urban park

Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia

America's oldest zoo opened in 1874, and today houses more than 1,600 animals from around the world.

Attraction type: Zoo

Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

People-watching is the favorite pastime at this bustling park, with loads of benches to accommodate weary pedestrians.

Attraction type: Town center/square/plaza

South Street, Philadelphia

Known as Philadelphia's liveliest and funkier strip, the street has more than 300 stores and restaurants.

Attraction type: Street

Places to Eat in Philly

High End:

Fountain Restaurant, Philadelphia

Cuisines: American, Delicatessen, French, Seafood, Continental, Contemporary

Price range: \$41-80

Special features: Breakfast/Brunch, Romantic, Business, Child-friendly

Le Bec-Fin, Philadelphia

Cuisines: Belgian, French

Price range: \$40-100

Special features: Romantic, Business

Mid Range:

Tequilas Restaurant, Philadelphia

Cuisines: Mexican

Price range: \$18-30

Special features: Child-friendly

Rembrandt's, Philadelphia

Cuisines: American, Eclectic, International

Price Range: \$20-35

Special features: Outside seating

Low End:

Geno's Steaks, Philadelphia- classic Cheese Steak Sandwich, across street from Pat's

Cuisines: American, Barbecue, Steakhouse

Average price: \$6

Special features: Child-friendly, Outdoor seating, Local cuisine

Pat's King of Steaks, Philadelphia- Flagship of the classic Cheese Steak Sandwich

Cuisines: American, Diner, Delicatessen, Steakhouse

Price range: \$7-20

Special features: Child-friendly, Outdoor seating, Local cuisine



Recommended Dining “Experiences”:

Moshulu

This historic boat now permanently sits in Penn’s Landing, at the heart of the excitement in downtown Philadelphia. With first-rate cuisine and great entertainment aboard the ship, this is a spectacular dining event you won’t want to miss.

Penn's Landing
401 S. Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Tel: 215.923.2500

Water Works Restaurant and Museum

Part of the Fairmount Park and located behind the Franklin Museum and next to Boat House Row, America’s first municipal water delivery systems was constructed here. Recently turned into an elegant restaurant, this is a fantastic place to experience the spectacular views of the city.

640 Water Works Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Tel: (215) 236-9000

Transportation Services:

Allied Limousine

Phone: (215) 364-3800

Main Line Taxi & Limousine Service

Phone: (610) 298-1079

Pineda Driving Services

Phone: (215) 804-0112

A & B Taxi-Cab Service Inc

Phone: (215) 757-2041



The NASTAR Center Directions and Location

Directions From the New York/New Jersey Turnpike

1. Take Exit 351 - Pennsylvania Turnpike across river into Penna.
2. Take 2nd exit, Route 1. Take Route 1 South, a short distance.
3. Take Route 132 West, about 5 miles to Route 232 (Second Street Pike here in Southampton), turn left.
4. At the first traffic light, Knowles Avenue, make a right.
5. This road curves and eventually becomes James Way.
6. Cross Jaymor Road and the second driveway on the left is ETC.
7. A sign by the drive says "Industrial Instruments" which is a part of ETC. Follow the driveway up.

Directions From Center City Philadelphia

1. Take 95 North to Street Road Exit - 132 West.
2. Take 132 West approx. Travel 9 miles to Route 232 (Second Street Pike) and make a left.
3. At the first traffic light, Knowles Avenue, turn right.
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Directions From Philadelphia International Airport

1. Upon exiting Airport, take I-95 North. Continue North on I-95 for approx. 25-30 miles.
2. Get off at the Street Road Exit (Rte. 132 West). At the top of the ramp turn left.
3. Continue on Street Road approx. 9 miles. Pass through Feasterville, and then come into Southampton.
4. Take Route. 232 South (turn left) at traffic light, (Route. 232 also called Second Street Pike.) Go to the traffic light and turn right onto Knowles Avenue.
5. Continue on Knowles Avenue and behind the shopping center for approx. 1/2 mile.
6. This road will merge with / turn into James Way.
7. ETC is the second drive on the left. Take the drive up to the front of the building. It faces the PA turnpike. Visitor's parking is at the lobby entrance.

